

It Might Be Today

MICROCHIPPING FOR HEALTH

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

We make frequent reference to the two-thousand year old prophecy of the Revelation that says in the last days a coming world leader will require all his subjects to somehow be marked on their hand or forehead. Without this mark, the dreaded mark of the beast, no one will be able to conduct any business.

Microchipping human beings sounds a little too weird for most people to believe it could or will happen on a large scale. One of the brothers here in the fellowship sent me an interesting article. It was posted on MSNMoney.com back on September 11. The title of the post was, *Pay with a Wave of Your Hand?*¹ The author had an interesting slant on the issue. Here's some of what he wrote:

It's a simple concept, really: You inject a miniature radio frequency identifier the size of a grain of rice between your thumb and forefinger and, with a wave of your hand, unlock doors, turn on lights, start your car or pay for your drinks at an ultra-chic nightspot.

The problem is, the whole concept is a little geeky for most of us, nauseating for some, Orwellian for a few and even apocalyptic for a smattering of religious fundamentalists.

Forget the science of it - and yes, it does work remarkably well. Forget the convenience of it. Forget that similar identifying technologies, from bar codes to mag stripes, overcame similar obstacles and are now ubiquitous.

Radio frequency ID implants face a hurdle the others did not: ickiness.

With all the concerns about it, how are they going to get folks to have microchips implanted?

¹ <http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/Banking/FinancialPrivacy/pay-with-a-wave-of-your-hand.aspx>

Any number of things could happen which would leave a population begging for microchipping. One that is happening is medical microchipping to improve health and health care.

On September 23rd POPSCI.com posted an article titled, *Text Messages from a Microchip on Your Shoulder Remind You to Take Your Pills.*²

Excerpts:

A text-messaging microchip planted on the patient's body significantly boosts compliance with doctor's prescriptions, according to pharmaceutical giant Novartis.

That's good news for patient health and reining in healthcare costs, but a potentially worrisome development for privacy advocates.

Patients taking a drug for lowering blood pressure also received two additional gifts: tiny microchips within each pill and a shoulder-attached sensor patch. Mobilhealthnews explained how stomach acid surrounding the ingested pills generates an electric charge, and that signals the shoulder patch.

The patch dutifully records the time and date when a patient takes each pill, so that it can give its wearer a cell phone buzz when it's time to take the next pill. Other information, such as heart rate, activity and breathing patterns, are also transmitted to the cell phone and onto the Internet - a form of extreme patient transparency for watchful caregivers.

How about this article on the same website, dated September 21st and titled, *New Cellphones Monitor Your Health, And May Soon Deliver Medicine.*³

Excerpts:

The world is about to get four billion more nurses. With the help of add-on apps and gadgets, cellphones can become medical helpers that track and transmit your vitals to physicians. These mobile aides will help catch diseases early, save ER visits, and cut health-care costs. And as future implants let phones trigger drug release, your favorite gadget may even save your life.

² <http://www.popsci.com/scitech/article/2009-09/microchip-shoulder-reminds-you-take-your-pills>

³ <http://www.popsci.com/gear-amp-gadgets/article/2009-09/new-cellphones-could-save-your-life>

Another article back in June on the same website stated,⁴

Thanks to technology, your heart rate, sweat rate, calories burned, stride length, and whether you're wearing boxers or briefs can all be calculated in real time, wirelessly transmitted to a laptop, and posted to Twitter before you return home from your weekend jog. Engineers in Germany are hoping to add blood lactate levels to the abundance of fitness data using a miniature ear clip containing an electrochemical sensor.

Whether it is for health concerns, or for human services, or in the aftermath of some event, human microchipping is here. The chipping itself is not the mark of the beast. The Book of the Revelation makes clear that the 'mark' is the swearing of personal allegiance to the coming world leader. It involves the conscious rejection of Jesus Christ as your Savior. It occurs in the future, seven-year Tribulation - after the church has been resurrected and raptured.

It's amazing to see technology catch-up to the prophecies in the Bible. God has written history in advance and ours is the generation seeing it come to pass.

Are you ready to see the Lord? Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up.
Ready or not, Jesus is coming!

⁴ <http://www.popsci.com/entertainment-amp-gaming/article/2009-06/latest-workout-accessory-microelectrodes-scanning-your-blood>